

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows of a ball-and-socket joint, with a ball, a pivot
(6) originating from the ball and with a housing accommodating the ball, the sealing bellows
extending between said pivot (6) and the ball housing and the sealing bellows ~~having~~
comprising:

5 _____ a pivot-side sealing area (12);

a jacket area (13); and

a housing-side sealing area, ~~and~~ said jacket area (13) consisting of an elastomeric
material, ~~characterized in that~~ said pivot-side sealing area (12) of the sealing bellows ~~consists~~
consisting of a material that differs from the material used for said jacket area (13) of said
10 sealing bellows.

2. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the material used for said pivot-side sealing area (12) is an elastomer.

3. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein both said pivot-side sealing area and the housing-side sealing area
consist of an elastomeric material different from the material of said jacket area (13).

4. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ wherein ~~at least one~~ said sealing area (12), ~~and preferably~~ or both

said sealing area and another sealing area[[s]], has/have a non-positive and/or positive-locking connection or connection in substance with said jacket area (13).

5. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above claims, characterized in that~~ wherein said jacket area (13) has at least one reinforcing element (4), which is preferably arranged close to the at least one said sealing area (12).

6. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above claims, characterized in that~~ wherein ~~at least one~~ said sealing area (12) has at least one reinforcing element (3), which is preferably arranged close to said jacket area (13).

7. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above claims 5 and 6, characterized in that~~ further comprising a reinforcement element provided in at least one of said jacket area and said sealing area wherein said reinforcing element (3, 4) consists of plastic and/or metal.

8. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 7 ~~above, characterized in that~~ wherein said reinforcing element (3, 4) is arranged rotationally symmetrically in relation to said pivot (6).

9. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above~~

~~claims, characterized in that~~ wherein said jacket area (13) and/or said sealing area (12) have at least one sealing lip (8, 9), which makes possible the sealing of the interior space of the ball-and-socket joint at said pivot (6) or at the housing.

10. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above~~ ~~claims, characterized in that~~ wherein an additional sealing element (10) is provided at least at one said sealing area (12).

11. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above~~ ~~claims, characterized in that~~ wherein at least one centering element (11) is provided at least between said pivot (6) and said pivot-side sealing area (12) and/or between the housing and the housing-side sealing area.

12. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above~~ ~~claims, characterized in that~~ wherein said jacket area (13) consists of chloroprene rubber; preferably with a hardness of approx. 50 ± 10 Shore A.

13. (Currently Amended) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 1 ~~one of the above~~ ~~claims, characterized in that~~ wherein at least one said sealing area (12) consists of a nitrile rubber, preferably with a hardness of approx. 70 ± 10 Shore A.

14. (New) A sealing bellows of a ball-and-socket joint having a ball pivot and a housing accommodating a ball of the ball pivot, the sealing bellows extending between said ball pivot and said housing, the sealing bellows comprising:

a pivot-side sealing area; and

5 a jacket area, said jacket area being formed of an elastomeric material, said pivot-side sealing area consisting of a material that differs from the material forming said jacket area.

15. (New) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 14, wherein the material forming said pivot-side sealing area is an elastomer.

16. (New) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 14, further comprising another sealing area adjacent to said pivot sealing area at least one of said pivot sealing area and said another sealing area being one of non-positively connected to said jacket area, positive-lockingly connected to said jacket area and connected in substance with said jacket area.

17. (New) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a reinforcing element within said jacket area, said reinforcing element being arranged close to said pivot sealing area.

18. (New) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 14 further comprising a reinforcing element within said sealing area, said reinforcing element being arranged close to

said jacket area.

19. (New) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a reinforcement element provided in at least one of said jacket area and said pivot sealing area wherein said reinforcing element is formed of plastic and/or metal.

20. (New) A sealing bellows in accordance with claim 19, wherein said reinforcing element is arranged rotationally symmetrically in relation to said pivot.